

TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN JULY 2004

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ALL APPROVED TOWN MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

TWO BIG THANK-YOUS!!!: First to Sylvia Hobbs, Barbara Welsh, and Helen Lewis for taking it upon themselves (with the Council's blessing) to solve a safety issue quickly and efficiently. Recently, a resident needed the services of an emergency aid car, but the aid car had difficulty finding the resident's home. Fortunately, the aid car arrived in plenty of time to assist the resident; however, the difficulty weighed heavily on the minds of Ms. Hobbs, Ms. Welsh, and Ms. Lewis. Rather than merely pass their concerns on to the Council, these women chose to volunteer their time to investigate the situation, develop a complete solution, and present it to the Council. Thanks to their hard work, the Town will be installing new reflective street signs throughout the Village that are larger and easier to read and that are installed according to a system. The Council has authorized the purchase and installation of these signs, and you should see them on a street near you this fall.

Second, a big thanks to Gordon Roberts and Charlie Ferree for their work on the mailstand at SE 29th Street and 105th Ave SE. Because quite a few residents on that mailstand purchased locking mailboxes, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Ferree took on the

project of expanding this mailstand so that the new boxes would fit AND there will be enough room for other new boxes in the future. They also reinforced and reroofed the mailstand.

The Town of Beaux Arts Village has a long history of active volunteerism. It is individuals such as these who add to the value of that history! Our hats are off to all of you for your contributions to your town and its residents!

CONDOLENCES: Word has come to us of the passing of both Wini and Clif Heckard. During their 25 years in Beaux Arts Village, they lived in what is now Mrs. Bochner's house, until moving to the house built for them – now Prescott and Ginny Jordan's home. Clif was a fourth generation descendant of a family who joined the Oregon Trail caravan, arriving in the Lewis and Clark Valley in 1865. He was employed by Boeing for 39 years. Wini was gifted in domestic are and taught sewing in the Adult Education Program in Kirkland for 15 years. The two of them, together with Phil and Jerry Griffing (also former BAV residents) enjoyed many years cruising the San Juan Islands in the yacht "Roanoke". The Heckards' children are Paul of West Palm Beach, FL and Jeanne Haverfield of Packwood, WA.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE: The Council is reviewing the contract with our current contract building official, The McAndrews Group, and would like feedback from those who have had first hand experience with the individuals from McAndrews who work for the Town: Joe Willis (Building Official), Mona Green (Planner), Rick Roberts (Plans Examiner/Inspector), and Bob Kirby (former Plans Examiner/Inspector). If you have recently worked with any of these individuals, the Council would like to know if you were happy with the service you received. Please forward your comments to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens via email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or via telephone at 425.454.8580.

TREE POLICY FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY IN BEAUX ARTS: The Council's discussion of this item has been temporarily deferred by the confirmation of an eagle nest located within the Town's boundaries. Because bald and golden eagles remain on the endangered species list, this nest triggers the enforcement of state and federal rules aimed at minimizing the impact of tree cutting and building construction on the nesting birds. The Council will be incorporating these rules into its policy and hopes to have a full discussion of the issue at the September Council meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 325 ADOPTING A 6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): The Council enacted an ordinance adopting its 6-year TIP for the years 2005 – 2010 inclusive.

RESOLUTION 210 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO CDBG/HOME

AGREEMENTS: The Council authorized the Mayor to sign amendments to these agreements with King County that increase city representation and decrease that of the county.

VILLAGER EMAIL LIST: We still need your email address -- and we promise to keep it private! The Council would like to use email to send out electronic copies of newsletters (saves trees!) and to inform Villagers of urgent news (saves time!). So far, I've heard from about 30 families – and we'd love to hear from the rest of you! Please send your email address to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

LOCKING MAILBOX UPDATE: Thirty families took advantage of the Town's offer to arrange for a bulk purchase of locking mailboxes. You'll be seeing these boxes appearing in a mailstand near you soon. We can repeat this offer if at least 20 more families are interested in participating. If you missed the initial purchase and wish to be included in a future purchase, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens to put your name on the list.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Because the July Council meeting was continued to such a late date in July, the Council will not meet in August. The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 14, 2004 at Tom Robinson's house.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you need to speak to someone about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth if you need information, applications, or other assistance with permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment. She can be reached by email at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

WABA July News

From the Dockmaster. A "Planking Party" was held on the C and D Docks on June 12th. The purpose was to remove old and rotting planks and replace them with new ones. Each year, a team of planking animals performs this task to maintain the docks in a safe condition. This year, David Dempster, our Dockmaster, thanks Don Pratten, Rob Carlson, Bob Durr and Kyle Branum for their enthusiastic help and hard work.

The Dog Days of Summer. Now that summer is fully upon us, the beach is filled with people, young and old, and with dogs, big and little. To make sure everyone can enjoy the beach during this crowded time, dog owners are reminded that it's important to follow the rules that apply to dogs on the beach. The following rules in particular are not always being observed.

No dogs are allowed in the swim area at any time until after Labor Day. This includes the swim dock.

<u>Dogs must be under control at all times</u> within those areas in which they are allowed. (Please see the map in Section 11 of the Green Book for the areas of the beach open to dogs in the summer.)

<u>Please clean up after your pet</u> and place dog waste in the waste receptacle.

Thanks for your help in keeping the beach fun for everyone.

IVY FACT OF THE MONTH

Ivy is not only deathly to trees and shrubs, also to native wildlife. Ivy out-competes and overwhelms every native plant species thus destroying diverse habitat necessary for wildlife, and reducing the already rapidly declining natural urban habitat for birds and animals. It sucks water, devours nutrients, kidnaps every speck of light and suppresses seeds. Ivy suppresses any other plant growth and transforms natural areas into monocultures, which do not provide habitat for indigenous wildlife. Ivy provides no food or habitat for native wildlife, but it does harbor vermin. Rats and mosquitoes thrive in ivy.

- No Ivy League